



96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2009 and 2010

HB2392

Introduced 2/19/2009, by Rep. Esther Golar

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 2407/Art. IV heading new
20 ILCS 2407/60 new

Amends the Disabilities Services Act of 2003. Creates the Rapid Reintegration Pilot Program to demonstrate that, with appropriate support and services, individuals with physical disabilities, individuals with mental illness, and individuals age 65 and older who need a short-term, placement in a nursing facility can successfully return to the community without institutionalization. Requires the Departments of Human Services and Aging to secure cooperation with hospitals within the geographic region served by the program in order to identify individuals who will have a short-term stay in a nursing facility. Requires Case Coordination Units, Service Coordination Agencies, and the Home Service Program to make efforts to assess whether an individual will need less than 6 months of care in a nursing facility and to make efforts to reintegrate those individuals. Provides for an enhanced Community Home Maintenance Allowance for these individuals under certain circumstances. Provides that the pilot program must operate for at least 3 years after the effective date of this Act. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Disabilities Services Act of 2003 is amended
5 by adding the heading of Article IV and Section 60 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 2407/Art. IV heading new)

7 ARTICLE IV. RAPID REINTEGRATION PILOT PROGRAM

8 (20 ILCS 2407/60 new)

9 Sec. 60. Rapid Reintegration Pilot Program.

10 (a) The Department of Human Services and the Department on
11 Aging shall collaborate to jointly operate a Rapid
12 Reintegration Program. The purpose of the pilot program is to
13 demonstrate that, with appropriate support and services,
14 individuals with physical disabilities, individuals with
15 mental illness, and individuals age 65 and older who need a
16 short-term placement of 6 months or less in a nursing facility
17 can successfully return to the community without experiencing
18 unnecessary institutionalization. The initial pilot program
19 sites shall be those initiated or operated by the Departments
20 in Fiscal Year 2009. The pilot program may be expanded to other
21 sites as funding becomes available for that purpose.

22 (b) The Department of Human Services and the Department on

1 Aging shall secure the cooperation of hospitals in the
2 geographic areas served by the pilot program so that hospitals
3 will coordinate with the Case Coordination Units, Service
4 Coordination Agencies, and the Home Services Program to verify
5 whether the individual is expected to have a short-term stay of
6 6 months or less in a nursing facility upon discharge from the
7 hospital.

8 (c) The Case Coordination Units, Service Coordination
9 Agencies, and the Home Services Program in the pilot areas
10 shall make an initial assessment and a post-admission
11 assessment to ascertain whether an individual needs a nursing
12 facility level of care and whether the individual is expected
13 to be in the nursing facility for a short-term stay of 6 months
14 or less.

15 (d) The Case Coordination Units, Service Coordination
16 Agencies, and the Home Services Program shall make necessary
17 and appropriate efforts to reintegrate any individual who is
18 found to need nursing facility level of care and is expected to
19 be in a nursing home for a short-term stay, including
20 collaboration with local service providers, such as centers for
21 independent living, community mental health agencies, and area
22 agencies on aging.

23 (e) If an individual who, through the pilot program, has
24 been identified as needing a short-term stay of 6 months or
25 less is admitted to a nursing facility, the individual shall be
26 assessed for eligibility for an enhanced Community Home

1 Maintenance Allowance to allow the individual to retain income
2 for a period of up to 6 months in order to retain his or her
3 home.

4 (f) The pilot program shall operate for not less than 3
5 years after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the
6 96th General Assembly . The Department of Human Services and
7 the Department on Aging shall assess the effectiveness of the
8 pilot program in preventing the unnecessary
9 institutionalization of individuals with physical
10 disabilities, mental illness, or who are age 65 and older and
11 allowing them to successfully return to their pre-admission
12 living arrangements.

13 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
14 becoming law.